Report of the Chief Electoral Officer with Respect to the use of the Chief Electoral Officer's Emergency Powers during the Twenty-Seventh Provincial General Election

November 7, 2011

ELECTIONS SASKATCHEWAN

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OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

December 22, 2011

The Honourable Dan D'Autremont
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Regina, Saskatchewan
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Honourable Speaker:

Pursuant to subsection 7(6) of *The Election Act, 1996,* (The Act), I submit to you, within 60 days of Polling Day, a written report respecting my actions pursuant to subsection 7 (1) of The Act taken during the November 7, 2011 General Election.

Included in the Report, I have highlighted two of the recommendations from the *Report of the Chief Electoral Officer - Volume III – Recommendations for Changes to The Election Act, 1996 - Twenty-Sixth Provincial General Election (Volume III)* previously tabled in the Legislative Assembly on April 30, 2009. Adopting these recommendations would greatly improve the chances of recruiting a full complement of capable poll officials across the Province for future General Elections and By-Elections.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting Chief Electoral Officer

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Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

This report is written as per subsection 7(6) of *The Election Act, 1996*. The requirement is to prepare and submit to the Speaker, within 60 days of Polling day, a written report respecting actions taken pursuant to subsection 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996*.

An extensive province wide recruitment took place for a Returning Officer for the Cut Knife-Turtleford constituency (see *Appendix I* for details). As a result only one application was received in the first round. The applicant was interviewed and subsequently appointed in November 2010. This individual started on the mapping/polling division review. Unfortunately this individual, who had been doing a very good job as a Returning Officer, was offered another full-time position and thereafter resigned.

A second round of advertising for this Returning Officer position was set up in Spring 2011. There were three applicants. One applicant accepted another full time position after the interview. Another applicant did not come to the interview and then did not reply to repeated phone calls. The third individual was weak on some of the necessary skills but was hired and given extensive support to complete the pre-writ assignment and prepare for the upcoming election. In September it became apparent that the Returning Officer position was too demanding for this individual and he was released from his contract. The person serving as election clerk did not wish to be appointed as Returning Officer.

The constituency of Cut Knife-Turtleford surrounds the western portion of the constituency of The Battlefords. An eligible voter was located in the constituency of The Battlefords. She had worked in The Battlefords Returning Office in various capacities for the past few provincial elections and also had federal election experience. With this electoral experience, she agreed to take on this role.

The three constituencies of Carrot River Valley, Rosthern-Shellbrook and Saskatoon Centre had difficulties finding enumerators for a total of seven polling divisions. Two constituencies, Regina Douglas Park and Saskatoon Sutherland had difficulties finding revising agents for a total of five individuals.

Throughout this General Election some Returning Officers had a difficult time recruiting poll officials. I received requests from 23 Returning Officers: three regarding enumerators, two regarding revising agents and 18 regarding polling day officials.

As required by subsection 7(3) of The Act, I gave notice to every candidate and registered political party in the province in the constituencies of: Cut Knife-Turtleford regarding a Returning Officer (September 22, 2011); Carrot River Valley, Rosthern-Shellbrook and Saskatoon Centre regarding enumerators (September 22, 2011); Regina Douglas Park and Saskatoon Sutherland regarding revising agents (October 12, 2011); Arm River-Watrous, Carrot River Valley, Cumberland, Cut Knife-Turtleford, Kelvington-Wadena, Martensville, Melville-Saltcoats, Moose Jaw Wakamow, Regina Douglas Park, Regina Elphinstone-Centre, Regina Lakeview, Regina Rosemont, Saskatoon Centre, Saskatoon Fairview, Saskatoon Northwest, Saskatoon Nutana and Saskatoon Silver Springs (November 5, 2011) and Rosthern-Shellbrook (November 7, 2011).

In total one Returning Officer, three enumerators, five revising agents, one poll clerk for an advance poll as well as 82 Election Day poll officials were required from outside their own constituency. The Election Day officials included five Supervisory Deputy Returning Officers, 29 Deputy Returning Officers, 39 poll clerks and nine spares.

Note regarding Appendix V: the Returning Officer for Kelvington-Wadena constituency subsequently found the 10 poll officials within her constituency and withdrew her request on November 7, 2011.

Recommendations

Recruitment difficulties for enumerators and polling day officials began in 2003 during the General Election and continued during the 2007 General Election and the 2009/10 By-Elections. The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (OCEO) recognized this as a warning about the staffing challenges Elections Saskatchewan would face for the November 7, 2011 General Election.

To combat the dwindling and aging pool of experienced election workers, the OCEO began a new outreach program. A pilot project was implemented by setting up a booth at the University of Regina Career Fair on September 28, 2009. At the event, students were urged to enter their names for a chance to win one of twenty-five USB memory sticks. The entry form had a check box asking them if they wished to be contacted about any future election positions. This pilot gathered a new database of 300+ names in a younger demographic. Elections Saskatchewan was invited to have a booth at the Spirit of Our Nations 2010 Pow Wow and Trade Show held at the Credit Union Centre, Saskatoon on October 29-31, 2010. Similarly attendees at the event could put their name in to win a prize. From this, two hundred and eighteen additional names were added to the Elections Saskatchewan database for future enumerators and poll officials.

In 2011, this outreach program was further expanded in order for Community Relations Officers (CROs) to attend numerous fairs, career days, etc. in all 58 constituencies. As promising as this new outreach program was, other solutions were also needed in order to find enough qualified persons to fill all the election official positions for the 2011 General Election.

After the Regina Douglas Park and Saskatoon Riversdale By-Elections, and the Saskatoon Northwest By-Election, similar reports on the use of the Chief Electoral Officer's Emergency Powers were tabled in the Legislative Assembly on November 24, 2009 and December 2, 2010 respectively.

While the Chief Electoral Officer currently has the power under subsection 7(3) of *The Act* to appoint election officers from outside their constituencies, it is on emergency provision and as such these appointments should be made at the last minute to qualify as an emergency. Setting out provisions more specifically in *The Act* would allow for such appointments to be made earlier and with less paperwork.

Once again I recommend: that *The Election Act, 1996* be amended to include a provision for the Chief Electoral Officer, in writing, to authorize the appointment of eligible voters from outside the constituency in those constituencies having difficulty finding election officers or for specialized polls such as hospital polls, remand centre polls and mobile polls. I also add the recommendation from the *Volume III – Chief Electoral Officer's Report* that *The Election Act, 1996* be amended to include a provision

for the Returning Officer or Election Clerk to be appointed from outside the constituency.

In the *Report of the Chief Electoral Officer – Volume III – Recommendations for Changes to The Election Act, 1996 - Twenty-Sixth Provincial General Election (Volume III)* which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on April 30, 2009, two of the 120 recommendations would eliminate the use of the Chief Electoral Officer's Emergency Powers for the purpose of getting election officers from outside the constituency.

The above two recommendations are outlined more fully on page 15 and pages 17 – 18 of *"Volume III"* – See *Appendix XXV.*

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer
December 2011

Appendix I

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

September 22, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Cut Knife-Turtleford Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Returning Officer Outside the Constituency

As part of the province-wide recruitment for returning officer vacancies, the position of Returning Officer (RO) for the constituency of Cut Knife-Turtleford was widely advertised as below:

- Newspaper Ads (weekly papers) - April 4 and 10, 2011.
- Newspaper Ads (weekly papers) - September 5 and 13, 2010.
- RO Recruiting Posters - September 15, 2010 sent 40 posters to libraries, chamber of commerce, post offices, ice arenas, recreation centres, town offices, etc. in towns throughout the constituency.
- Advertised on Saskjobs for 1 month starting September 2, 2010 in communities throughout the Cut Knife-Turtleford constituency.
- Advertised again on Saskjobs for 3 weeks starting March 21, 2011 in communities throughout the Cut Knife-Turtleford constituency.
- Advertised again on Saskjobs for 3 weeks starting May 20, 2011 in communities throughout the Cut Knife-Turtleford constituency.

As a result of the above recruitment only one application was received in the first "round". The applicant was interviewed and was subsequently appointed in November 2010. This individual started on the mapping/polling division review. Unfortunately this individual, who had been doing a very good job as RO, was offered another full-time position and subsequently resigned.

A second round of advertising was set up in "Spring 2011". There were three applicants. One accepted another full time position after the interview. Another applicant did not show up for the interview and then did not reply to repeated phone calls. The third individual was weak on some of the necessary skills but he was hired and given extensive support to complete pre-writ assignment and prepare for the upcoming election. In September it became apparent that the returning officer position was too much for this individual and he was released from his contract. The person serving as election clerk did not wish to be appointed as Returning Officer.

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The constituency of Cut Knife-Turtleford surrounds the western portion of the constituency of The Battlefords. A person has been located who is an eligible voter in the constituency of The Battlefords, who has worked in The Battlefords Returning Office in various capacities for the past few provincial elections and has some federal election experience. She is very experienced and has agreed to take on this role.

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am giving my approval for appointment of a Returning Officer for the position of Cut Knife-Turtleford constituency who is not a resident of the constituency but who otherwise satisfies the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Cut Knife-Turtleford.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix II

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

September 22, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Carrot River Valley Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

Despite advertising via posters, on-line, word of mouth etc. the Returning Officer in the Carrot River Valley constituency has had a difficult time recruiting enumerators.

Despite the efforts of the Returning Officer and her staff and the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, I have received a request from Maureen Kurtz, Returning Officer, Carrot River Valley, that enumerators from outside the constituency be used. At the present time she is short two enumerators. The Returning Officer does not anticipate any problem filling these positions with persons from other nearby constituencies.

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am giving my approval for the Returning Officer Carrot River Valley to utilize enumerators who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Carrot River Valley.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix III

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

September 22, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Rosthern-Shellbrook Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

Despite advertising via posters, on-line, word of mouth etc. the Returning Officer in the Rosthern-Shellbrook constituency has had a difficult time recruiting enumerators.

Despite the efforts of the Returning Officer and her staff and the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, I have received a request from Ellen Wood, Returning Officer, Rosthern-Shellbrook, that enumerators from outside the constituency be used. At the present time she is short two enumerators. The Returning Officer does not anticipate any problem filling these positions with persons from other nearby constituencies.

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am giving my approval for the Returning Officer Rosthern-Shellbrook to utilize enumerators who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Rosthern-Shellbrook.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix IV

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

September 22, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Saskatoon Centre Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

Despite advertising via posters, on-line, word of mouth etc. the Returning Officer in the Saskatoon Centre constituency has had a difficult time recruiting enumerators.

Despite some enumerators completing two or more divisions, and the efforts of the Returning Officer and her staff and the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, I have received a request from Evelyn Sharman, Returning Officer, Saskatoon Centre, that enumerators from outside the constituency be used. At the present time she is short six enumerators. The Returning Officer does not anticipate any problem filling these positions with persons from other nearby constituencies.

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am giving my approval for the Returning Officer Saskatoon Centre to utilize enumerators who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Saskatoon Centre.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix V

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

October 12, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Regina Douglas Park Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

Despite the best efforts of the Returning Officer for the Regina Douglas Park Constituency the enumeration at the University of Regina was low in number.

In an effort to augment enumeration/revision at the University of Regina, two Youth Community Relations Officers will assist with the revision process. These two revising agents are from outside the constituency.

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Regina Douglas Park to utilize revising agents who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Regina Douglas Park.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix VI

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

October 12, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Saskatoon Sutherland Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

Despite the best efforts of the Returning Officer for the Saskatoon Sutherland Constituency the enumeration at the University of Saskatchewan was low in number.

In an effort to augment enumeration/revision at the University of Saskatchewan, three Youth Community Relations Officers will assist with the revision process. These three revising agents are from outside the constituency.

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Saskatoon Sutherland to utilize revising agents who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Saskatoon Sutherland.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix VII

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Arm River-Watrous Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Arm River-Watrous Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Arm River-Watrous has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll # __1__

__1__ Poll Clerks for poll __1__

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Arm River-Watrous to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Arm River-Watrous.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix VIII

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Carrot River Valley Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Carrot River Valley Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Carrot River Valley has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll #s __45__

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Carrot River Valley to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Carrot River Valley.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix IX

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Cumberland Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Cumberland Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Cumberland has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll __5__

__1__ Poll Clerks for poll # _____19___

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Cumberland to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Cumberland.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix X

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Cut Knife-Turtleford Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Cut Knife-Turtleford Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Cut Knife-Turtleford has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Poll Clerk for poll # Remand

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Cutknife-Turtleford to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Cut Knife-Turtleford.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XI

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Kelvington-Wadena Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Kelvington-Wadena Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Kelvington-Wadena has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__5__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll #s MP1, PC2, Hospital in Porcupine Plain, Kelvington and Wadena

__5__ Poll Clerks for poll #s MP1, PC2, Hospitals in Porcupine Plain, Kelvington and Wadena

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Kelvington-Wadena to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Kelvington-Wadena.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XII

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
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November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Martensville Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Martensville Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Martensville has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Poll Clerk for poll #s __2__

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Martensville to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Martensville.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XIII

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Melville-Saltcoats Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Melville-Saltcoats Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Melville-Saltcoats has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Poll Clerks for poll # _2__

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Melville-Saltcoats to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Melville-Saltcoats.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XIV

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Moose Jaw Wakamow Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Moose Jaw Wakamow Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Moose Jaw has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll # 19

__2__ Poll Clerks for poll #s 16 and 21

__1__ Spare

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Moose Jaw Wakamow to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Moose Jaw Wakamow.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XV

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Regina Douglas Park Constituency

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Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Regina Douglas Park Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Regina Douglas Park has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__6__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll #s MP1, Regina General Hospital (4) and Wascana Rehabilitation Centre(1)

__6__ Poll Clerks for poll # MP1, Regina General Hospital(4) and Wascana Rehabilitation Centre(1),

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Regina Douglas Park to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Regina Douglas Park.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XVI

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Regina Elphinstone-Centre Constituency

AMENDED

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Regina Elphinstone-Centre Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Regina Elphinstone-Centre has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Supervisory Deputy Returning Officer for the following polling place: Trinity Lutheran Church

__5__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll #s 19, 34 ,37 and Pasqua Hosptial (2)

__5__ Poll Clerks for poll #s 19, 34, 37 and Pasqua Hospital (2)

__5__ Spares

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Regina Elphinstone-Centre to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XVII

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Regina Lakeview Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Regina Lakeview Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Regina Lakeview has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll # __18__

__1__ Poll Clerks for poll # __5__

__0__ Spares

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Regina Lakeview to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Regina Lakeview.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XVIII

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Regina Rosemont Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Regina Rosemont Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Regina Rosemont has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Poll Clerk for poll # __PC1__

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Regina Rosemont to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Regina Rosemont.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XIX

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Saskatoon Centre Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Saskatoon Centre Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Saskatoon Centre has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__3__ Supervisory Deputy Returning Officer for the following polling place(s): St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Howard Coad School, St.Gerard School.

__6__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll #s 2,3,8,14,35 and Hospital 1

__9__ Poll Clerks for poll #s 7,21,24.26.37, MP1A, MP 1B, and Hospital 1

__3__ Spares

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Saskatoon Centre to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Saskatoon Centre.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XX

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Saskatoon Fairview Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Saskatoon Fairview Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Saskatoon Fairview has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll# __22__

__2__ Poll Clerks for poll #s __1 and 24__

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Saskatoon Fairview to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Saskatoon Fairview.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XXI

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Saskatoon Northwest Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Saskatoon Northwest Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Saskatoon Northwest has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__0__ Deputy Returning Officer for Poll #s

__3__ Poll Clerks for poll #s Remand Centre (2)
Mobile Poll (1)

__0__ Spares

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Saskatoon Northwest to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Saskatoon Northwest.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XXII

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Saskatoon Nutana Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Saskatoon Nutana Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Saskatoon Nutana has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

4 Deputy Returning Officer for Poll #s 7, 24,28 and Personal Care 1

5 Poll Clerks for poll #s 6, 7, 10, 25 and Personal Care 1

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Saskatoon Nutana to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Saskatoon Nutana.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XXIII

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 5, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Saskatoon Silver Springs Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Saskatoon Silver Springs Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Saskatoon Silver Springs. has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Poll Clerks for poll # __Advance__

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Saskatoon Silver Springs to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Saskatoon Silver Springs.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Appendix XXIV

SASKATCHEWAN

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

November 7, 2011

Registered Political Parties
Candidates in the Rosthern-Shellbrook Constituency

Re: Regarding the Use of Emergency Powers for Poll Officials Outside the Constituency

The Returning Officer for the Rosthern-Shellbrook Constituency recruited via calling previous election officials who worked in the 2007 General Election, word of mouth and putting up recruiting posters.

Elections Saskatchewan also advertised:

- on the Enumeration Record given to all voters in a household
- on the Voter Information Card mailed to all voters
- with an employment opportunities ad on a voter ID requirements postcard which was mailed to all Saskatchewan residents
- on various employment websites including the employment section of the Elections Saskatchewan website
- by using Public Service Announcements
- by speaking to the media resulting in news stories.

Despite the efforts described above the Returning officer for the constituency of Rosthern-Shellbrook has requested that poll officials from outside the constituency be used for the following positions:

__1__ Supervisory Deputy Returning Officer for the following polling place: __Poll #24 Mistawasis__

Therefore, pursuant to section 7(1) of *The Election Act, 1996* (the Act), I am granting my approval for the Returning Officer of Rosthern-Shellbrook to utilize election officers who need not be residents of the constituency but who otherwise satisfy the criteria for appointment.

As required by subsection 7(3) of the Act, I now give notice of the foregoing to every registered political party and every candidate in the Constituency of Rosthern-Shellbrook.

Sincerely yours,

David A Wilkie

David A. Wilkie
Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Emergency Provisions for Appointment of Returning Officer and Election Clerk (Sections 9 and 12)

Background:

While every effort should be made to recruit and hire eligible voters who reside in the constituency for the positions of Returning Officer and Election Clerk, there may be emergency situations where no qualified individual may be found on short notice. Legislation in British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador has no requirement for the Returning Officer to be from the constituency. Québec allows a Returning Officer to be appointed from an adjoining constituency; while in Yukon, a person who is a qualified elector in another constituency may be appointed if there is difficulty appointing a suitable person from the constituency. The legislation in Manitoba allows for an exception to the residency rule "where an appointment must be made in an emergency or another special circumstance". Elections Alberta has recommended that their legislation be amended so that a Returning Officer and Election Clerk may be appointed from outside the constituency if no suitable candidate can be found within the area. This recommendation was first made in the Annual Report of 2006 – 2007 and has been updated.

Recommendation:

That *The Election Act, 1996* be amended to include that an emergency provision for the Returning Officer or Election Clerk to be appointed from outside the constituency is included.

Provision for Appointment of Election Officials from Outside the Constituency (Section 10, 13, 20 and 27)

Background:

Currently all poll officials have to work in the constituency in which they reside. While every effort should be made to find suitable eligible voters in the constituency to appoint as election officers, there may be emergency situations where no qualified individual may be found on short notice.

In the 26th General Election, as in previous elections, some Returning Officers had difficulty finding eligible, qualified election officials living in their constituency. In some cases officials who were less qualified were hired at the same time as other constituencies had a waiting list of more qualified individuals who could have served as poll officials in the adjoining constituency. The legislation in Alberta allows that if there is not a sufficient number of qualified persons in the constituency, the Returning Officer may appoint qualified persons from any other constituency. Canada, Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nunavut and Yukon have similar legislation.

In the 26th General Election some Returning Officers with large hospital polls found it difficult to find enough qualified poll officials for Election Day. For hospital polls and other specialized polls, individuals who are used to dealing with patients, especially older patients, are hard to find at the best of times. Typically most hospitals have a pool of volunteers that could be recruited to take on the poll official roles in hospitals. Often the volunteers do not live within the specific constituency in which the hospital is located. Polls in remand centres and mobile polls may also have similar problems finding poll officials that are resident in the constituency in which the institution is located. This recommendation was first made in the Annual Report of 2006 – 2007 and has been updated.

Recommendation:

That *The Election Act, 1996* be amended to include a provision for the Chief Electoral Officer, in writing, to authorize the appointment of eligible voters from outside the constituency in the case of an emergency or for specialized polls such as hospital polls, remand centre polls and mobile polls.